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For: KEY CONTROLLING SYSTEM, KEY CONTROLLING APPARATUS,  
INFORMATION ENCRYPTING APPARATUS, INFORMATION  
DECRYPTING APPARATUS AND STORAGE MEDIA FOR STORING  
PROGRAMS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

June 12, 2002

Sir:

Prior to examination, please ~~amend~~ the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

Please add new claims 2-20 as follows:

-- 2. A recording medium for storing a program that causes an information  
processing apparatus to manage publicity of a decryption key used for decrypting information  
when executed, said program comprising:

codes that manage expiration time of secrecy of said decryption key; and

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